

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

## LOCAL.

Alfred E. Silver, son of W. C. Silver, recently took the degree of LL. B. at the law school of Harvard.

According to reports from Provincetown and Boothbay, the mackerel fleet is meeting with very poor success.

The Scott Act was carried in Guysboro by a large majority.

Another member of the Halifax battalion has lost his life. Wm. Muhlig, aged about 21, was drowned on June 28th while bathing in the river at Medicine Hat, N. W. T.

The first marriage ceremony yet celebrated in the Park Street Church took place early on Tuesday morning, the Rev. Allan Simpson officiating. The happy couple are Fred. A. Kaizer and Miss Lydia A., daughter of Dr McFatrige. A number of friends shook off the chains of Morpheus in order to witness the interesting ceremony.

The Customs receipts at Halifax for June were \$110,500, showing a decrease of \$10,000 from those of June, '84; while the inland revenue receipts were \$18,000—an increase of \$3,000 over June, '84.

McAlpine's Halifax City Directory for 1885-86 which has just appeared, is neatly printed and is well bound in half calf. To men doing business in the city this work is indispensable, while it is found most useful by all classes of our citizens. The Directory should meet with a ready sale, and should prove a good advertising medium.

Some of the lobster factories along the coast report lobsters unusually plentiful and very large.

All the boats of the Bras D'Or Navigation Co. are now running, and in consequence travelling facilities on the Lakes are excellent. There is no more picture-que and attractive scenery in the lower provinces than in Cape Breton.

The Teachers' Examination will begin at the various examining stations in this Province on Tuesday, July 21st. It is estimated that over 1600 persons will present themselves for examination.

Hon. Mr. Phelan, lately appointed U. S. Consul-General, has taken up his residence in the city.

We direct attention to "A Catholic's" review of Archbishop O'Brien's new book. The work itself is on sale at T. P. Connolly's, but nowhere else in the city.

The "war of rates" between the Boston boats continues. It is said that in August a certain Co. will charge but \$5 50 for a trip to Boston and return.

Negotiations relative to the building of the Short Line to Louisburg are said to be now nearing a satisfactory end. The Dominion Government seems to be using every effort to give one railway to Cape Breton. What will the Local Government do for the mines of that Island. Something handsome, we hope.

Col. Starratt, of Annapolis, is in town on business connected with the Central Board of Agriculture. The Col. is one of the most enthusiastic agriculturists in the Province.

Among the really choice brands of flour that are imported from the best grain-producing states, we believe that Chas. A. Pillsbury & Co.'s is one of the best.

A flour merchant from the Western States remarked to us a few days ago that he sold his very highest grades and best brands of flour to Messrs. Moir & Son, bakers, of this city.

The public examination of the pupils attending the school of F. C. Sumichrast, Esq., of Gorton House, was a most successful affair and gave evidence of the careful training of the students. Mr. F. C. Sumichrast is himself an excellent master, and he has upon his staff of teachers some of the best literary, musical, and artistic talent of the city. The success of the school at Gorton House is already assured.

LITERARY.—We notice that Mr. F. Blake Crofton, B. A., the author of "The Major's Big Talk Stories," "The Bewildered Quaker," etc., is continuing in the *Critic* these wonderful stories under the title, "Further doings of the Major." The improbability of these stories excel that of any other writer of the Annanias type, that we have ever heard of.—*Colchester Sun*.

WANTED.—Canvassers for the *Critic*. Liberal terms offered to Agents giving satisfactory references. For particulars apply at the office, 161 Hollis Street.

Dr. Dart, who lately resigned from King's College, will leave for England in a few weeks with his family.

The Worcester on leaving this harbor last Saturday, ran down the sch. Ella A. Downie. Capt Downie intends to libel the steamer for \$6,000 damages.

Alex. Gibson, the New Brunswick lumber king, has purchased T. L. DeWolf & Co.'s saw-mill at Ram's-head River, Cumberland Co.

## CANADIAN.

Minister Caron stated in the House of Commons on Tuesday that there are twenty-six graduates of the Military College, Kingston, with the forces in the North-West.

A reception and dinner were tendered to Edward Hanlan at Ottawa. In replying to the toast of the evening, Hanlan said that he had always rowed honest races; that he had the highest opinion of Beach and Teemer as oarsmen; that he intends at some future day to revisit New South Wales, where he has a host of friends ready to back him against Beach; and that, in his coming race with Teemer, he will row to win.

In the Dominion House on Tuesday, a spirited debate occurred on resolutions to grant \$50,000 subsidy to a line of steamers to ply between Franco and Canada, \$25,000 to the Furness line between London and Halifax and St John, and \$24,000 to the Antwerp line. Bowell, Stairs, Paint and others defended the subventions to these lines, while Vail and others opposed them.

Archdeacon Farrar will sail for Quebec next September, for an extended tour in Canada and the United States. The many Canadian readers who know the Archdeacon through his numerous and able writings will be much interested in his visit.

Prince Edward Island, through the importation of good stock, has become famous for its horses, and the demand from the other Provinces and the United States is annually increasing. The shipments this spring have been very large.

One of the Nile voyageurs, named Elliott, has been killed at Ottawa by an Italian pea-nut vendor, with whom he had a dispute.

The Wimbledon team left Ottawa for Quebec on the 26th June.

SCOTT ACT.—The Scott Act has been carried in Middlesex, and defeated in Perth. It has been decided to circulate petitions for the submission of the Act in Welland. The Women's Christian Temperance Union of Kingston has decided to boycott those grocers who continue to sell liquor.

The people of Wentworth County, Ont., have determined to establish, if possible, a cavalry corps, with headquarters at Hamilton.

## FOREIGN.

Rev. Mr. Spurgeon has published in the *Monthly Review* an article exposing the immorality of high official life in England. He mentions in detail a number of instances of official depravity, and arrives at the conclusion that "Sodom, in its most putrid days, could scarcely exceed London in vice."

CITY OF MEXICO, June 30.—The government to-day announced in the *Diario* its plan for the consolidation of the entire debt of the country, with the exception of the floating debt, which is already provided for in an authorized issue of \$25,000,000 bonds, at 6 per cent. The consolidated debt will bear interest at 3 per cent., but the maximum interest will not be reached until 1899. Next year (1886) one per cent. will be paid, in 1887, one and one-half per cent., in 1888 two per cent., in 1889 two and a half per cent., and in 1890 three per cent. The National Bank of Mexico will have charge of the negotiation. Foreign capitalists are reported to have advised the government in this matter, and is believed now that this complete financial re-adjustment will revive the credit of the nation abroad.

At New York Saturday afternoon, John McCullough, the eminent, tragedian, was handed over to the care of the Bloomingdale insane asylum, the authorities being three of his closest friends. McCullough's mental weakness has been well known for many months, but had assumed such alarming proportions lately that this step was at last considered necessary.

James D. Fish, late President of Marine National bank, New York, has been sentenced to ten years imprisonment in Auburn prison by Judge Benedict of the United States Court.

NEW YORK, June 30.—In the case of Lucille Ysault Dudley, on trial for shooting O'Donovan R. at, the jury brought in a verdict of "not guilty," on account of insanity. The judge has not yet signified his intention what disposition he will make of the case.

LONDON, June 30.—The steamer Colina, from Glasgow for Montreal, which ran ashore at Rutlin Island, will probably become a total loss. The passengers and crew returned to Greenock. At the time of the disaster the weather was calm and the Colina was proceeding at full speed. When she first struck she passed completely over the reef, tearing away her keel, and ran upon a shelving rock, where the ship became firmly lodged. The united efforts of several tugs failed to haul her off the rocks.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 30.—A special from Nogales, Arizona, says it is rumored that the Yaqui Indians have defeated the Mexicans, killing four hundred, including General Garcia, and Wounding General Loiza.

An explosion of fire damp has occurred in a mine, at Dülweiler, near Saarbrück, Germany, and eighteen miners killed.

CAIRO, June 29.—Orders to camel corps to embark have been rescinded. It is reported that the government meditates re-occupying Dongola.

A barrister at Blois has published a memoir of Victor Hugo's father with a list of a dozen novels and a comedy in manuscript left by him.